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## Montana Safe Routes to School Newsletter

The Montana Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program and MDT have completed the application review process for SFY-2012 and awarded \$691,103 to twenty five schools and communities for seven infrastructure and twenty four non-infrastructure projects. Montana SRTS received application requests for almost \$ 4,000,000, The application pool consisted of twenty eight infrastructure projects and twenty eight non-infrastructure projects.

Beginning on July 1, 2011, sidewalks, separated pathways and concrete/asphalt/non-dirt bike rack pads will be planned and constructed throughout the state. July and August will see schools and communities planning and implementing programs promoting the safety benefits (i.e. healthier students, less automobile congestion in and around school property) of walking and biking to school for Montana's K-8 students. The 2011-2012 school year will see more Montana students taking Walking School buses and bike trains to school.

A growing number of elementary physical education classes will be implementing the Montana Journeys From Home (JFH) road awareness and safety curriculum. This K-5 physical curriculum simultaneously burns up copious amounts of youthful energy and educates/creates aware, safety minded and knowledgeable pedestrians and bicyclists for Montana's transportation network. Due to the success and popularity of the JFH program around the state, Montana's SRTS has contracted directly with JFH to provide regional curriculum trainings for teachers, administrators

and law enforcement personnel in SFY 2012. Also new for SFY 2012, Montana SRTS will be outfitting applicant programs with bicycles and cargo trailers to support the school currently providing JFH training.

Information on the JFH training can be found online at <http://journeysfromhomemontana.com/moodle/>

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### Important Dates

July 1 - Funding available for approved applications

### SRTS Legislation Introduced

Senator Harkin has introduced legislation in support of the federal Safe Routes to School program <http://1.usa.gov/epTWwc>

### We need your input

We want to share what is going on with SRTS across the state. Please send us pictures of SRTS activities in your community, articles about SRTS, and any event announcements. We will put them in the Newsletter, post them on Facebook, and add them to the calendar on the website.

Also, please let us know what YOU need from us and what you would like to see in the newsletter.

### FY2012 SRTS Funded Programs

Project Name	Project Location	Infrastructure Award	Non-Infrastructure Award
Ronan SRTS FY2012	Ronan	\$30,186	\$10,100
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Warren School SRTS Path	Helena	\$166,730	
Dillon Elementary School SRTS	Dillon	\$83,600	\$7,750
Hardin SRTS Program	Hardin	\$49,406	\$11,500
SRTS Arlee Schools	Arlee	\$15,000	\$14,610
Whitefish SRTS Plan	Whitefish	\$45,820	\$13,000
Monforton School SRTS - Phase II	Bozeman		\$2,080
BSD7-2010 Chief Joseph School	Bozeman		\$19,500
Hellgate Elementary SRTS 2012	Missoula		\$15,245
Amsterdam/Churchill SRTS Project	Amsterdam Churchill		\$600
Cascade SRTS Program	Cascade		\$5,000
Livingston SRTS Project	Livingston		\$10,800
Shelby School District #14 SRTS	Shelby		\$5,130
Elysian School: SRTS FY2012	Billings		\$4,030
Stevensville Schools - SRTS FY2012	Stevensville		\$7,870
Scobey SRTS FY2012	Scobey		\$9,024
Florence-Carlton SRTS	Florence		\$12,100
Garfield School SRTS Project	Miles City		\$7,782
Great Falls SRTS	Great Falls		\$30,500
Highland-Billings SRTS FY2012	Billings		\$16,490
Lewis and Clark County SRTS	Lewis and Clark County		\$16,450
SRTS Butte - Whittier and Emerson	Butte		\$23,000
SRTS Missoula	Missoula		\$39,000
<b>\$691,103</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$398,242</b>	<b>\$292,861</b>

## PACE Update



**Paul started his run on yesterday on the Rim of the Grand Canyon!**

The Mojave Desert challenge is presented at my new "[online classroom](#)" and will be shown in a way unlike any other P.A.C.E. run I've done. I'm going to allow everyone to see 'behind the curtain' - so to say. I'll be sharing audios, videos and pictures to truly show what it takes to conquer 500 miles of running in only 17 days through barren conditions all alone.

Follow Paul as he runs alone across the Mojave Desert in 17 days!

### Let's Move - Walk to School Day

Michelle Obama's Let's Move Campaign features a blog by Lauren Marchetti of the National Center for Safe Routes to School.

<http://www.letsmove.gov/blog/2011/04/12/april-showers-bring%E2%80%A6walk-school-day-registration>

### SRTS National Conference

**August 16 - 18, 2011.** It's the time to energize your Safe Routes to School (SRTS) planning, strengthen your networks and elevate the vision of how we all can create healthier kids and communities.

**Minneapolis, Minn.** It's the place to discuss ideas, resources, projects and best practices that will help you improve the health, safety and environment of children in your state through policy, partnership and infrastructure.

**Proponents and professionals.** They're the people who will inspire you - and who you will inspire:

- advocates
- city planners
- community members
- elected officials
- engineers
- law enforcement
- parent organizations
- program representatives
- public health officials
- school professionals
- state coordinators
- transportation professionals

Join others for this dynamic conference, advance your important work and build the connections-in your schools, streets and communities.

[Visit the website for more information.](#)

### Additional Funding Opportunity

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has announced how it will [allocate the 2011 prevention dollars](#) made available through the Affordable Care Act (health reform). Of the \$750 million available for 2011, \$222 million will be used to support Community Transformation Grants. These grants will be modeled after the [Communities Putting Prevention to Work \(CPPW\) grants](#), which funded communities to make policy, systems

and environmental changes around obesity prevention and tobacco cessation. Grant applications are not yet available; we'll keep everyone posted.

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